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TAGS: PINT, SOCI, PA

SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP OF ASUNCION REPORTS ON AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL

REF: ASUNCION 5030, DECEMBER 26, 1973

1. ON NOVEMBER 28 ARCHBISHOP OF ASUNCION ISMAEL ROLON, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TWO-MONTH STAY IN ROME, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON HIS OCTOBER 9 AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI. ACCORDING TO ROLON, THE POPE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN PARAGUAYAN POLITICO-RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. THE POPE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE CHURCH IS BECOMING "FATALLY ALIENATED" AND SAID THAT, TO STAVE OFF THIS TENDENCY, ACTIONS MUST BE SUBSTITUTED FOR WORDS. THE POPE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT ACTION SHOULD UNIFY RATHER THAN DIVIDE. ROLON CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY ASKING PARAGUAYAN CLERGY AND LAYMEN TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEIR OWN ACTIONS WERE LEADING TO UNITY, OR TO DIVISION AND DISCONTENT.

2. COMMENT: ROLON'S STATEMENT WAS CONCILIATORY IN TONE AND REPRESENTS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE REDUCTION IN TENSIONS BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE STROESSNER

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